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**2012 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #56
Summer Announcement #50, District 2 Commercial Fishing Period #5
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area**

The Pilot Station sonar summer chum salmon passage estimate through July 14 is approximately 2.1 million fish which is above the historical median of 1.3 million fish for this date.

The preliminary commercial harvest in Districts 1 and 2 combined through July 13 is approximately 190,000 summer chum salmon.

Based on the current abundance of summer chum salmon, this announcement opens one commercial salmon fishing period in District 2. All of District 2 will be open during this commercial salmon fishing period.

District 2 (Commercial): Commercial salmon fishing in District 2 will be from 5:00 p.m. Sunday, July 15, until 11:00 p.m. Sunday, July 15. This will be a 6-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size to target summer chum salmon. The entire district will be open to commercial fishing.

No Chinook salmon can be sold in any summer chum commercial openings until further notice. Therefore, fishermen can release live Chinook salmon or use them for subsistence purposes. All Chinook salmon caught but not sold must be reported on fish tickets.

Fishermen are reminded that Chinook salmon caught must have both tips of the tail fin removed prior to concealing or removing the fish from the fishing grounds from June 1 to July 15.

District 2 (Subsistence): Subsistence salmon fishing is currently closed and will reopen at 11:00 a.m. Monday, July 16, and then be open 7 days per week except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. Fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or smaller during open subsistence salmon fishing periods.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 949-1731 or 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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